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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 286061

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KS, MY, US

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ROK SALE OF MORTARS TO MALAYSIA

REF: A) SEOUL 8321 B) SEOUL 9274 C) SEOUL 9276  
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1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE ROKG AUTHORITIES THAT USG IS PREPARED TO CONSENT TO PROPOSED ROK SALES TO MALAYSIA OF 600 60MM MORTARS AND 280 81MM MORTARS ONCE WE HAVE COMPLETED THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS, I.E., 30-DAYS ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS AND RECEIPT OF TRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM GOM.

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2. IN REVIEWING KOREAN REQUEST, WE HAVE CONSIDERED SUCH FACTORS AS MALAYSIAN REQUIREMENTS AND US INTERESTS AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE PROPOSED SALE IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, SINCE THE US ITSELF WOULD PROVIDE THESE MORTARS IN SIMILAR QUANTITIES TO MALAYSIA. ANOTHER RELEVANT POINT IS THAT US CURRENTLY HAS NO PRODUCTION OF 60MM MORTARS AND ONLY LIMITED PRODUCTION OF 81MM MORTARS.

3. IN CONVEYING ABOVE DECISION, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS CASE REPRESENTS EXCEPTION TO GENERAL US POLICY NOT TO APPROVE THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS FROM PRODUCTION ORIGINALLY INTENDED ONLY FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF RECIPIENT.
4. FOR KUALA LUMPUR. DEPARTMENT WILL TRANSMIT BY SEPTTEL TEXT OF ASSURANCES NEEDED FROM GOM. VANCE

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